

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON SAND MINING

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Chair Cochran and Members of the Maui County Council Infrastructure & Environment Management Committee:

I am Grant Chun, testifying on behalf of A&B Properties (A&B) on "A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NEW CHAPTER 20.40, MAUI COUNTY CODE, DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON SAND MINING."

The purpose of this bill is to authorize a temporary moratorium on the mining of inland sand in Maui County. If enacted, this moratorium will likely have a negative impact upon the availability of sand on Maui for various local uses and everyday activities. In the local construction industry, sand is often used as granular backfill and as an ingredient in masonry mortars/grouts and various concrete products. Sand is also utilized in farming, landscaping material and planting mixes along with a variety of uses in school and community playgrounds. Golf course maintenance and beach replenishment and nourishment are other common uses of inland sand here in Maui County. The establishment of a moratorium on sand mining will likely result in the cutting off of the local supply of sand for these uses and may have a negative impact on these and other related activities.

It is also our understanding that the proposed moratorium on sand mining as presently drafted in this bill will negatively impact grading permits issued by Maui County. The result will be that lawfully authorized construction grading activities will be

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prohibited should the premises authorized for grading have any amount of inland sand situated upon it. The construction of much needed workforce housing and other community facilities, located on sandy soils within Wailuku-Kahului may be negatively affected by this bill in its present form.

We respectfully request that in lieu of passing this bill that deliberation and discussion continue to consider other options to amicably address this matter.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.